

Amendments to the Abstract:

Replace the Abstract as follows:

ABSTRACT

[0023] A rail guide having first and second guiding rails disposed in a mirror-inverted relationship with regard to one another. At least one pair of spaced leading and following carriages are displaceably mounted to the guiding rails so as to engage and transport a sliding component along a transport path towards a stacking area. While the leading and following carriages are slidably supported by both guiding rails along the main track of the transport path, the leading carriage slides along the first rail, and the trailing carriage slides along the second rail along the transport path downstream from the main track in the stacking area.